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Society of London. Mr. Forbes was engaged in an expedition up the River Niger, but succumbed to dysentery at the early age of 28. He was the successor in office of the late Mr. Garrod, and the author of valuable papers on the anatomy of birds. He made a visit to the naturalists in this country a short time since. His loss, like that of Jevons and Balfour, is a serious one for England.

— Professor Gabriel Gustav Valentin, the noted German physiologist, is dead at Berne. He was the author, among other notable works of essays on the hibernation of animals, of several embryological papers, a work on physiology, and a handbook of the developmental history of man.

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#### PROCEEDINGS OF SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES.

BIOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON, May 11.—Communications were read by Professor L. F. Ward, entitled Notes on some hitherto undescribed fossil plants from the Lower Yellowstone, collected by Dr. C. A. White in 1882; by Mr. Frederick W. True, on a new pigmy sperm whale from the New Jersey coast.

May 25.—Dr. Thomas Taylor, on Actinomykosis, a new infectious disease of man and the lower animals, with exhibition of a portion of the diseased viscera of a dog containing specimens of the fungus *Actinomyces*; Dr. D. E. Salmon made some remarks on Actinomykosis; Professor C. V. Riley remarked on curious Psyllidæ and certain gall-making species.

NEW YORK ACADEMY OF SCIENCES.—May 7.—The following papers were read: On the finding of prehistoric Indian skeletons at Far Rockaway, L. I., by Dr. N. L. Britton; exhibition of some interesting specimens of fossil fishes recently discovered, by Professor John S. Newberry.

May 14.—The "Singing Beach" of Manchester, Mass., by Drs. H. C. Bolton and A. A. Julien; on a form of graphite found at Ticonderoga, N. Y., by Dr. A. A. Julien; exhibition and description of some ores from North Carolina, by Dr. Pierre de P. Ricketts.

May 28.—Notes on the flora and fauna of the islands of Curaçao, Buen Ayre, and Aruba, W. I., by Dr. Alexis A. Julien.

BOSTON SOCIETY OF NATURAL HISTORY.—May 16.—Major Hotchkiss read his memoir of the late Professor William B. Rogers.

APPALACHIAN MOUNTAIN CLUB.—May 10.—Rev. William C. Winslow read a paper entitled Camp life in the Adirondacks; Mr. J. Rayner Edmonds read a paper entitled The White mountains as seen from Jefferson highlands; and Mr. John Ritchie, Jr., read a paper entitled An ascent of the Jungfrau, illustrated by the lantern.